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To the Editor of The Star:

Since some of the District have no

Vole of voice were becoming like driven cattle unless our newspapers allow the call, even as an infant crying in the night, to reach sensitive and sympathetic ears. The Star will, I hope, give space to this addendum to my letter of October 27, which, though more directly personal in its relation, is meant to be absolutely free from animus or rhetorical exaggeration.

The woman who said she felt about her tax burdens like Daniel in the lions' den was complaining, I believe, of her Federal income tax. In my case "Ther ain't no such core"! Daniel with the lions was calm with the consciousness of the omnipotence of Sheltering Arms. The case here is more like Mrs. Dumbunny pursued by the hungry wolves.

This year of grace 1927 has jammed me down in front of the steam roller and no escape seems possible. My home, built through long years of patient toil, is in danger of being sold over my head to resurface a street that I use only with the risks and enjoyment of an unprotected pedestrian—for I am not even the proud possessor of a tin Lizzy, and if in the tender mercy of a kind Providence I escape the risks, the only enjoyment that now looms up in imagination is finally, after years of self-sacrificing but prompt and regular tax paying on what I vainly imagined was a sheltered home for the sunset of life, to leave it to join instead the rocking-chair brigade at Blue Plains with what comfort I can glean from the certainty that old "General Public" will then be taxed for my upkeep. Does any one believe that Russia under the Czars or Italy under Mussolini would seize a peasant's hut to pave the King's highway?

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